

# UPDATES TO YOUR PLAN

We are pleased to notify you of a number of enhancements to the Texas College Savings Plan®.



- Age-based Portfolios will be streamlined and expanded in an effort to provide a more understandable investment lineup.
- Static and Individual Fund Portfolios
  will be reorganized as Risk-based and
  Individual Asset Class Portfolios, and new
  portfolios will be added to offer more variety
  with the investment lineup.
- The Plan is reducing the program management fee, state administrative fee and the estimated underlying investment expenses, resulting in lower estimated total plan fees for your account.

On the pages that follow, you will find more information about these enhancements. This guide will only present summary information. You can find detailed information in the Plan Description and Savings Trust Agreement available on our website.

# ABOUT ORION ADVISOR SOLUTIONS, INC.

Orion Advisor Solutions, Inc. ("Orion"), formerly NorthStar Financial Services Group, LLC, has managed the Texas College Savings Plan since 2014.

Orion's unified turnkey asset management program provides more than 45,000 active investment advisor representatives with access to investment strategies from seasoned, inhouse portfolio managers, as well as vetted third-party strategist partners with \$54 billion in assets. Orion's technology currently supports 2,200 advisory firms, representing \$1.6 trillion in assets under administration. The firm employs more than 1,000 team members across six office locations.

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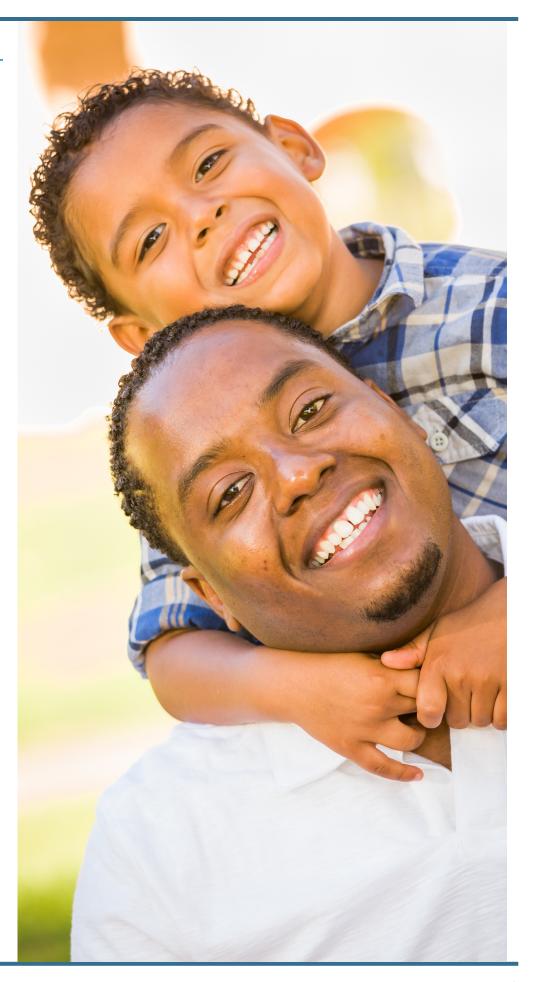
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# **At-a-Glance Transition Comparison**

WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME?	
PLAN NAME	Texas College Savings Plan
PLAN SPONSOR	Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board
PLAN MANAGER	Orion Advisor Solutions, Inc. (formerly NorthStar Financial Services Group, LLC)
PLAN DISTRIBUTOR	Northern Lights Distributors, LLC
PHONE NUMBER	800-445-4723, Option #3
WEBSITE	www.TexasCollegeSavings.com
ACCOUNT NUMBER	No change in your account number
ACCOUNT ACCESS	No change in your user name or password
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CALL CENTER HOURS	Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. CT

WHAT'S CHANGING?	BEFORE TRANSITION	AFTER TRANSITION				
INVESTMENT STYLES	Age-based Portfolios Static Portfolios Individual Fund Portfolios	Age-based Portfolios Risk-based Portfolios Individual Asset Class Portfolios				
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS	6 Blended Age-based Portfolios 6 Index Age-based Portfolios 2 Static Blended Portfolios 2 Static Index Portfolios 3 Individual Fund Portfolios	10 Age-based Portfolios 3 Risk-based Portfolios 7 Individual Asset Class Portfolios				
INVESTMENT MANAGERS	Artisan Dodge & Cox Dreyfus T. Rowe Price DFA Vanguard	DFA New York Life Eaton Vance Vanguard Federated Hermes				
INDEX/PASSIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Vanguard Extended Market Index Vanguard Total International Stock Market Index Vanguard Institutional Index	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Vanguard Total International Stock Market Index Vanguard Total Stock Market Index				
ACTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS	Artisan Value Fund Securities DFA Inflation Protected Securities DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio Dodge & Cox International Stock Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth	DFA Inflation-Protected Securities Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Federated Hermes High Yield Bond New York Life Guaranteed Interest				
PROGRAM MANAGER FEE	0.5160%	0.2500%				
STATE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	0.0843%	0.0600%				
ESTIMATED UNDERLYING INVESTMENT FEE RANGE	0.0300% - 0.3771%	0.0000% - 0.2115%				
TOTAL ASSET-BASED PLAN FEES	0.5643% - 0.9753%	0.3100% - 0.5215%				

## **How Will the Transition Work?**

#### **NON-TAXABLE EVENT:**

This transition is a non-taxable, non-reportable event and any action taken by the Plan to convert your current Portfolios to the new Portfolios is not treated as one of your twice-per-calendar-year investment option changes. However, should you rebalance your existing Portfolios before or after the transition period, this will be treated as one of your twice-per-calendar-year investment option changes.

#### TRANSITION BEGINS:

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 2021 - SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 2021

After 3:00 p.m. CT on Dec. 8, 2021, **account access will be limited** until the transition ends.

All account activity will be suspended until the transition ends:

- Contributions, withdrawals and other financial transactions cannot be made online.
- Financial transaction requests received via mail and through automatic investment plans, or employee contributions will be held and processed on or about Monday, Dec. 13, 2021.
- New accounts cannot be opened online.
- · Forms and literature cannot be ordered online.
- The Plan website and customer service phone number will not be available after 6 p.m. CT on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021.

#### **TRANSITION ENDS:**

#### MONDAY, DEC. 13, 2021

The Plan website and customer service representatives will be available, and account access will resume:

- Contributions, withdrawals and other financial transactions can be made online.
- Automatic investment plan transfers and payroll deductions will resume.
- · New accounts can be opened.
- · Forms and literature can be ordered.
- · Account updates can be made.
- Pending transactions will be processed.<sup>1</sup>

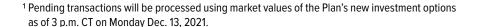
In the event there are delays in receiving cash settlements from the current funds, it is possible that accounts invested in one or more of the funds being replaced may be out of the market for one to two business days as Plan assets are liquidated and reinvested.

## What Do You Need to Do?

While the transition to the new investment and fee structure will be handled automatically, we recommend reviewing all of the changes to determine whether the new investment options continue to fit your investment horizon and risk tolerance.

# IF YOU WILL BE USING YOUR ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR UPCOMING QUALIFIED EXPENSES FOR SPRING 2022:

- You can submit online withdrawal requests until 3 p.m. CT on Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021.
- We will process withdrawal requests received in good order via mail and phone until 3 p.m. CT on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021.
- While online account access will be suspended after Dec. 8, 2021, any withdrawal requests received by mail after Dec. 8, 2021 will be processed after the transition to the new investment structure is complete on or about Dec. 13, 2021.





# **How Are Investment Options Changing?**

#### CHANGES TO AGE-BASED PORTFOLIOS

We are combining the current Blended and Index Age-based Portfolios into a single line of Age-based Portfolios. This will allow the Plan to have a more streamlined investment lineup.

At the same time, the total number of age bands in the Age-based Portfolios are being increased from the current 6 to a total of 10 age bands. This will allow a smoother transition along the investment glide path. Your account will automatically be mapped and transferred to the appropriate new age band based on your beneficiary's age.

# CHANGES TO STATIC AND INDIVIDUAL FUND PORTFOLIOS

- We are reorganizing Static Portfolios and Individual Fund Portfolios as Risk-based Portfolios and Individual Asset Class Portfolios, respectively.
- We are combining the current Blended and Index Portfolios.
- We are adding 2 new Risk-based Portfolios.
- We are adding several new Individual Asset Class Portfolios.
- We are replacing the current
   U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio with a Capital Preservation Portfolio.

We are adding new Risk-based and Individual Asset Class Portfolios to allow you more options to create your own asset allocation.

Please refer to the mapping table on the right for further details.

#### **PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

During the transition, underlying investments in your portfolios will move to the **new investment lineup of funds** shown below.

Your current Age-based Portfolio will be transferred to the appropriate new Age-based Portfolio based on your beneficiary's age.

CURRENT BLENDED AGE-BASED PORTFOLIO	CURRENT INDEX AGE-BASED PORTFOLIO	NEW AGE-BASED PORTFOLIO		
0 6 Voors	0-6 Years	0-3 Years		
0-6 Years	0-0 fedis	4-6 Years		
7.0 Vooro	7-9 Years	7-8 Years		
7-9 Years	7-9 16912	9 Years		
10-11 Years	10-11 Years	10-11 Years		
12-14 Years	12-14 Years	12 Years		
	12-14 fedis	13-14 Years		
15-17 Years	15-17 Years	15 Years		
	13-1/ Ted15	16-17 Years		
18 and Over	18 and Over	18 Years and Over		

Your current Static or Individual Fund Portfolio will be transferred to the new Risk-based or Individual Asset Class Portfolio shown below.

CURRENT STATIC PORTFOLIC	NEW RISK-BASED PORTFOLIO			
Blended Balanced	Index Balanced	Balanced Allocation		
CURRENT STATIC PORTFOLIC		NEW INDIVIDUAL ASSET CLASS PORTFOLIO		
Blended 100% Equity	Index 100% Equity	Diversified Equity		
CURRENT INDIVIDUAL FUND	PORTFOLIO	NEW INDIVIDUAL ASSET CLASS PORTFOLIO		
CURRENT INDIVIDUAL FUND	PORTFOLIO			
	PORTFOLIO	PORTFOLIO		

After the transition ends, you may select any of the other new Portfolios as one of your twice-per-calendar-year investment option changes.

NEW RISK-BASED PORTFOLIOS
Conservative Allocation
Aggressive Allocation
NEW INDIVIDUAL ASSET CLASS PORTFOLIOS
Diversified Fixed Income
U.S. Stock
International Stock

Each investment, whether in a Current Portfolio or Replacement Portfolio, has its own risks. There is always the potential for losing money when you invest in securities. For example, the prices of small-cap stocks are generally more volatile than large-company stocks. There are special risks inherent to international investing, including currency, political, social and economic risks. Investments in growth stocks may be more volatile than other securities. With value investing, if the marketplace does not recognize that a security is undervalued, the expected price increase may not occur. Fixed-income investing entails credit and interest rate risks. When interest rates rise, bond prices generally fall, and the underlying fund or account value may fall as well.

As noted in the Plan Description and Savings Trust Agreement, underlying investment funds, investment allocations and fees are subject to change by the Board.

# **INVESTMENT ALLOCATIONS OF PORTFOLIOS**

The new portfolio allocations are noted below and on the following pages for your convenience. You can view the underlying fund allocations for your current portfolios on the Plan's website under menu option: documents/literature/allocation worksheet.

#### **UNDERLYING INVESTMENT FUND TYPE**

**EQUITY** 

Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Vanguard Total Intl Stock Market Index

#### FIXED INCOME

Vanguard Total Bond Market Index DFA Inflation-Protected Securities Federated Hermes High Yield Bond Eaton Vance Floating-Rate

#### STABLE VALUE

New York Life Guaranteed Interest

AGE-BASED PORTFOLIOS										
	0-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-8 YEARS	9 YEARS	10-11 YEARS	12 YEARS	13-14 YEARS	15 YEARS	16-17 YEARS	18 YEARS AND OVER
UNDERLYING INVESTMENT FUND				_	ALLOCA	ATION <sup>2</sup>				
VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX (VSMPX)	57.00%	54.00%	48.00%	42.00%	36.00%	30.00%	24.00%	18.00%	12.00%	6.00%
VANGUARD TOTAL INTL STOCK MARKET INDEX (VTPSX)	28.50%	27.00%	24.00%	21.00%	18.00%	15.00%	12.00%	9.00%	6.00%	3.00%
VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET INDEX (VBMPX)	5.00%	10.00%	16.48%	20.00%	25.38%	30.83%	36.24%	40.25%	42.96%	45.00%
FEDERATED HERMES HIGH YIELD BOND (FIHBX)	4.75%	4.50%	4.00%	3.50%	3.00%	2.50%	2.00%	1.50%	1.00%	0.50%
EATON VANCE FLOATING-RATE (EIBLX)	4.75%	4.50%	4.00%	3.50%	3.00%	2.50%	2.00%	1.50%	1.00%	0.50%
DFA INFLATION- PROTECTED SECURITIES (DIPSX)	0.00%	0.00%	3.52%	10.00%	14.62%	19.17%	23.76%	26.65%	28.90%	30.00%
NEW YORK LIFE GUARANTEED INTEREST	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.10%	8.14%	15.00%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Diversification does not guarantee positive returns or protect against loss.

### **INVESTMENT ALLOCATIONS OF PORTFOLIOS (CONTINUED)**

**RISK-BASED PORTFOLIOS** BALANCED ALLOCATION **UNDERLYING INVESTMENT FUND ALLOCATION<sup>3</sup>** 51.00% 42.00% 15.00% VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX (VSMPX) 25.00% 21.00% 7.00% VANGUARD TOTAL INTL STOCK MARKET INDEX (VTPSX) 14.00% 20.00% 41.00% VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET INDEX (VBMPX) 3.50% 1.50% 4.50% FEDERATED HERMES HIGH YIELD BOND (FIHBX) 3.50% 1.50% 4.50% EATON VANCE FLOATING-RATE (EIBLX) 1.00% 10.00% 28.00% **DFA INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES** (DIPSX) 0.00% 0.00% 6.00% NEW YORK LIFE GUARANTEED INTEREST

100%

100%

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**TOTAL** 

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}\textsc{Diversification}$  does not guarantee positive returns or protect against loss.

# INVESTMENT ALLOCATIONS OF PORTFOLIOS (CONTINUED)

**INDIVIDUAL ASSET CLASS PORTFOLIOS** 

INDIVIDUAL ASSET CLASS TO	DIVERSIFIED EQUITY	DIVERSIFIED FIXED INCOME	U.S. STOCK	INTERNATIONAL STOCK	U.S. BOND	INFLATION PROTECTION	CAPITAL PRESERVATION
UNDERLYING INVESTMENT FUND ALLOCATION⁴							
VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX (VSMPX)	67.00%		100.00%				
VANGUARD TOTAL INTL STOCK MARKET INDEX (VTPSX)	33.00%			100.00%			
VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET INDEX (VBMPX)		70.00%			100.00%		
FEDERATED HERMES HIGH YIELD BOND (FIHBX)		15.00%					
EATON VANCE FLOATING-RATE (EIBLX)		15.00%					
DFA INFLATION-PROTECTED SECURITIES (DIPSX)						100.00%	
NEW YORK LIFE GUARANTEED INTEREST							100.00%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Diversification does not guarantee a positive return or protect against loss.



## What Are the New Plan Fees?

**PLAN FEES**<sup>5</sup>

	PROGRAM MGT	STATE ADMIN	ESTIMATED UNDERLYING INVESTMENT EXPENSE <sup>6,7</sup>	ESTIMATED TOTAL PLAN FEES <sup>7</sup>
AGE-BASED PORTFOLIOS				
0-3 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0932%	0.4032%
4-6 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0899%	0.3999%
7-8 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0860%	0.3960%
9 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0846%	0.3946%
10-11 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0816%	0.3916%
12 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0786%	0.3886%
13-14 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0756%	0.3856%
15 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0703%	0.3803%
16-17 YEARS	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0640%	0.3740%
18 YEARS AND OVER	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0562%	0.3662%
RISK-BASED PORTFOLIOS				
AGGRESSIVE ALLOCATION	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0902%	0.4002%
BALANCED ALLOCATION	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0846%	0.3946%
CONSERVATIVE ALLOCATION	02500%	0.0600%	0.0701%	0.3801%
INDIVIDUAL ASSET CLASS PORTFOLIOS				
DIVERSIFIED EQUITY	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0365%	0.3465%
DIVERSIFIED FIXED INCOME	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.2115%	0.5215%
U.S. STOCK	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0200%	0.3300%
INTERNATIONAL STOCK	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0700%	0.3800%
U.S. BOND	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0300%	0.3400%
INFLATION PROTECTION	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.1100%	0.4200%
CAPITAL PRESERVATION <sup>8,9</sup>	0.2500%	0.0600%	0.0000%	0.3100%

- New Plan fees represent a 54% reduction in Program Management fees and a 29% reduction in State Administrative fees.
- The Estimated Underlying Investment Expenses will be lowered between 44% and 100%.
- All these reductions will result in Estimated Total Plan Fees being reduced by approximately 45%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This page provides a detailed breakdown of the Plan fees after transition. For a breakdown of the current Plan fees paid to the plan manager, see the Plan Description and Savings Trust Agreement available under Forms & Literature at www.texascollegesavings.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For portfolios that invest in more than one underlying investment, the Estimated Underlying Investment Expense is based on a weighted average of each underlying investment's expense ratio as of August 31, 2021, as reported by Morningstar. For portfolios that invest in one underlying investment, the Estimated Underlying Investment Expense is based on the expense ratio for the underlying investment as of August 31, 2021, as reported by Morningstar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Estimated Underlying Investment Expense and Estimated Total Plan Fees are subject to change at any time as a result of changes in underlying investment fees, or due to approved changes to the Program Management Fee or State Administrative Fee, and are assessed against assets over the course of the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Investments in the Capital Preservation Portfolio are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Although there are no investment expenses associated with the New York Life Guaranteed Interest Account (GIA), the yield of the New York Life GIA is lowered by 0.10% to compensate New York Life for operating, administrative, and marketing costs. This will lower the return of the Option Portfolios that invest in the New York Life GIA.

# **CONTACT US**

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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Non-residents of Texas should consider whether their home state, or the beneficiary's home state, offers its residents any tax or other state benefits, such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors, that are only available for participants in that state's plan.

An account could lose money including the principal invested. No part of an account is a deposit or obligation of, or is guaranteed or insured by, the Board, the state of Texas, or any agency or agent thereof. Interests in the Plan have not been registered with or approved by the SEC or any state. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, fees, charges, and expenses associated with municipal fund securities. The Board may suspend, modify, or terminate the Plan or change investment approaches, offerings, and/or underlying investment funds at any time and without the consent of account owners or beneficiaries. The Plan Description and Savings Trust Agreement contain this and other important information about the Plan and may be obtained by visiting www.texascollegesavings. com or calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), option #3. Investors should read all Plan documents carefully before investing.

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